

## **The Global Crises : Impact and Challenges for Social Security**

### **Call for Papers**

The 17th International Research Seminar of the Foundation for International Studies on Social Security (FISS) will take place at the Sigtunahöjden Conference Centre in Sigtuna, near Stockholm (Sweden), on 16 – 18 June 2010.

The seminar will be devoted to the consequences for social security of the financial and economic crisis in a changing world and will address the following questions: How has the social security sector responded? To what extent is the crisis placing an additional burden on systems' finances? Have social security systems succeeded in dealing effectively with the negative impacts of the crisis? Have the reforms of the past few years, including activation measures and changes to pensions and healthcare systems, proven effective? What lessons can be learnt for the future? The crisis has also made it apparent that today's societies will need to realign policies relatively quickly in order to protect the (global) environment and safeguard social cohesion, and to be able to cope adequately with growing migration flows. The seminar will focus on the role that social security might play in this respect, including addressing what kind of reforms are required and whether it is possible to identify best practices.

### **Confirmed Keynote Speakers :**

- Tony Atkinson (Oxford University)
- Anton Hemerijck (VU University Amsterdam)
- Herwig Immervol (OECD)

FISS welcomes papers that address these and other relevant questions. Authors wishing to submit a paper for presentation at the seminar should submit by email attachment a title and an abstract of between 200 and 300 words in English before 25 January 2010 to the FISS Secretariat at : [csb@ua.ac.be](mailto:csb@ua.ac.be) . The file should have the lead author's surname in the title (e.g. Cantillon\_FISS\_2009).

Those who have submitted an abstract will be informed by 8 February 2010 whether their paper has been accepted and be given detailed formatting instructions. The full papers, which should be written in English, should be submitted to the FISS Secretariat at the Herman Deleeck Centre for Social Policy (University of Antwerp) no later than 15 May 2010, for distribution to the discussants and participants.

More information at the [FISS webpage](#)

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